

TWO PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NY. PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2026—A LOCAL LAW IMPLEMENTING A MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING OPERATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING CENTERS, REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Present: John Wallace, Supervisor
Christopher Evans, Councilman
Michael Perritano, Councilman
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Absent: Joseph Tamburro, Councilman

Supervisor Wallace opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at 6:00PM, and read the proposed Local law #3, 2026 legal notice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Some residents of Center Road in Frankfort are upset over what they say is a nuisance caused by an inordinate number of beehives at a neighbor's residence. They presented a petition asking for relief the Town Board

Levi Dousharm said that he had contacted New York State, consulted with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and talked to the neighbor. He found that while the neighbor was required to register his hives with the state, the state would only inspect to check for disease and left it to the town to regulate the number of hives allowed. According to Dousharm, Cornell Cooperative Extension recommended no more than 10 hives for a hobby beekeeper while his neighbor had 82 hives. The problem arose, Dousharm said, because the greater number of bees flew over a greater area in search of food and water, defecating and causing "yellow rain."

Tony Testa said it was not just a nuisance but changed their whole way of life. His family could not leave anything outside or it would be covered in bee defecation. Cars had to be parked in the garage or have a cover, and this had been going on for six years. He said if anybody came to a cookout at his house in a white shirt, the shirt would be yellow by the end of the party.

Rich DeFazio said he had woken up in the middle of the night getting stung by bees. He had paid Orkin to spray, and they had found an unbelievable number of bees and nests in the house. DeFazio felt he should feel secure in his own home without getting attacked by bees.

Town Attorney Karl Manne said this was probably a private, civil matter, and the neighbors could pool resources to bring a nuisance lawsuit against the beekeeper.

Supervisor John Wallace assured Dousharm that the board would look into the matter.

Supervisor Wallace closed the public hearing 6:10 PM

NO. 144 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of August 20, 2026. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted and reviewed

Chief Matthew Palumbo submitted his report; attached and discussed.

LE Tech grant has been submitted we are applied for new building security system and an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone).

Metro Count has been deployed on Acme Road & Speed trailer on W. Main St. We have received a few complaints on speeding. The Average speed was 40-50mph.

Police Chief is working on the 2027 budget, has been submitted to Town Supervisor.

Request to purchase 2025 (new leftover) Dodge Durango for \$43,879.00 from Main Motorcar.

Officers will be assisting with falls sports parade on 10/3 followed by a bonfire in the marina.

Approve Alexander F. Colon & Jonathan Jewette for ride along; both are in police academy at MVCC.

Superintendent Perritano Submitted his report; attached and discussed.

Central Paving and Suit-Kote have completed paving: 5th Ave Ext, Seventh Ave, Eighth Ave, Frankfort St, Palmer St and Town Rd

Road repairs completed: Dutch Hill, Argile Rd, McGowan Rd, Manhattan Ave, 4th Ave Ext, Comstock Ave, Christensen Rd

Ditches Cleaned: Brown Rd, Dutch Hill

Tree trimming completed: Reservation, Avery Rd, Rolling Hills, and are still working on more

I have attached a state bid price on a new bobcat including factory warranty. After trade in of our current skid steer, the cost of the new bobcat is \$28,403.79 which is available in my equipment budget

We have started hauling millings from our road projects to Barrett for credit to offset the cost of ice control for this winter

I spoke with BCA and some parts are in for the Broad St pump station

I've been working with Brian Baxter from Upstate Leak Detection on our water system as required by our contract with the Village to find and repair leaks in our system

I hire a full time HEO, Trevor Lockwood. He began work on 9/14/26

NO. 145 APPROVE POLICE RIDE ALONG— Alexander F. Colon & Jonathan Jewette

MOTION made by Councilman Perritano the town board resolves to approve Alexander F. Colon & Jonathan Jewette Police Department ride along. . Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0

APPROVED

FINANCIALS

Supervisor Wallace reported that he gave the town board the current bank balances and the Supervisors monthly report for August, NYClass is still doing very well.

Supervisors Wallace stated that the Town is still looking for a Deputy Town Clerk, must be a resident of Frankfort Full or Part-Time.

TRAFFIC STUDY ROLLING HILLS

The Board received the Speed Limit Study of Rolling Hills Drive from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

While the DOT saw no reason to change the speed limit, they made several recommendations, including relocating speed limit signs, installing No Outlet signs, adding Stop signs, and replacing the hill warning sign.

NO. 146 LOCAL LAW #2, 2026 MORATORIUM ON APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND /OR CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, SOLAR FARMS, WIND ENERGY SYSTEM WINDMILL, AND/OR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve Local Law No.2, 2026, a local law repealing and replacing Local Law #4 of 2025, and Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium on Applications, Approvals, and/or Construction or Installation on Solar Energy Systems, Solar Farms, Wind Energy Systems, Windmills and Battery Energy Storage System. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0.

APPROVED

NO. 147 LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2026—A LOCAL LAW IMPLEMENTING A MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING OPERATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING CENTERS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve Local Law No. 3, a local law establishing a new six-month moratorium on applications or proceeding, or the issuance of approvals or permits for Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining operations and Data Processing Centers within the. Town Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0

APPROVED

NO. 148 APPROVE EMPLOYEES INVATION TO JOIN THE MOHAWK VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the invitation to the Town of Frankfort to join the Mohawk Valley Federal Credit Union. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor

APPROVED

NO. 149 APPROVE 2025 DODGE DURANGO PURCHASE

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves Chief Palumbo to purchase a 2025 Dodge Durango from main Motor Cars in the amount of \$43,879.00. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 150 APPROVE NEW HIRE—HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve, per recommendation by Hwy Supt. Perritano, to hire Trevor Lockwood, HEO, at the rate of \$23.49/hour effective September 14, 2026, with benefits awarded to all full- time employees. Second by Councilman Tamburro Upon roll call; all in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 151 APPROVE S76 T4 BOBCAT SKID STEER LOADER

MOTION by Councilman Evans That the town board resolves Hwy Supt. Perritano to trade in the old Bobcat for a new one trade in cost is \$35,000.00 and the new state bid Bobcat is \$28403.79. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 152 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW — RE-APPOINTMENT

MOTION made by Councilman Evans that the town board resolves to re-appoint Brian Marcantonio to serve on the Board of Assessment Review; term of office 10/1/2026 to 9/30/2031. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 153 ERS REPORTING

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve a resolution to report the days worked to the New York State & Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by Darlene Abbatecola to the town clerk. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 154 APPROVE HEATHER LEWIS, CPA — MMB + CO.—RFP AUDIT

MOTION by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve Heather Lewis, CPA from the Professional Auditing service MMB + Co. for 2 to 3 years to do an audit on loans and grants the town had for the West Frankfort Water Project. Amount anywhere from for 2025 \$8,000.00 to \$36,000.00; the money was set aside in the West Frankfort Water Project. 2026 \$8,300-\$37,000.00 and 2027 \$8,600-\$38,00.00. For the other projects the town is doing. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0. **APPROVED**

NO. 155 TOWN HEALTH INSURANCE NONSTOP HEALTH

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve changing the health insurance from MVP to BCBS thru Nonstop health insurance with Pinnacle Insurance Company. Authorize the town Supervisor to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 156 APPROVE NEW LEAF ENERGY HOST AGREEMENT

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the Host agreement between the Town of Frankfort, Frankfort Center Fire Department, Broad Street Storage 2, LLC also known as New Leaf Energy; Supervisor Wallace is to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 157 APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING — FY 2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board approve a special meeting Oct. 1, 2026 to present the tentative budget at 2:00PM at 201 3rd Ave. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—SEPTEMBER ABSTRACT #9

NO. 158 MOTION made by Councilman Perritano to approve General Abstract #9—Claim No.392-436G, Total \$97,061.47. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 159 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve TOV Abstract #9—Claim No. 95-108, Total \$4,387.31. Second by Councilman Perritano Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 160 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve Highway Abstract #9—Claim No. 159-181 Total \$90,885.59 Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 161 **MOTION** made by Councilman Evans to approve Highway TOV Abstract #7—Claim No. 22-28 Total \$213,220.23. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 162 **MOTION** made by Councilman Evans to approve Special District Abstract #9—Claim No. 94-105, Total \$27,543.61. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 163 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Oakview Cemetery Abstract #5—Claim No. 5-6, Total \$1,866.66.00. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 164 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Water Project Abstract #7—Claim No. 9-11, Total \$35,191.45. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract issue. Second by Councilman Evans Upon roll call; All in favor. 7:10 PM.

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor 7:30 PM.

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to adjourn. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2026 at 6:00PM